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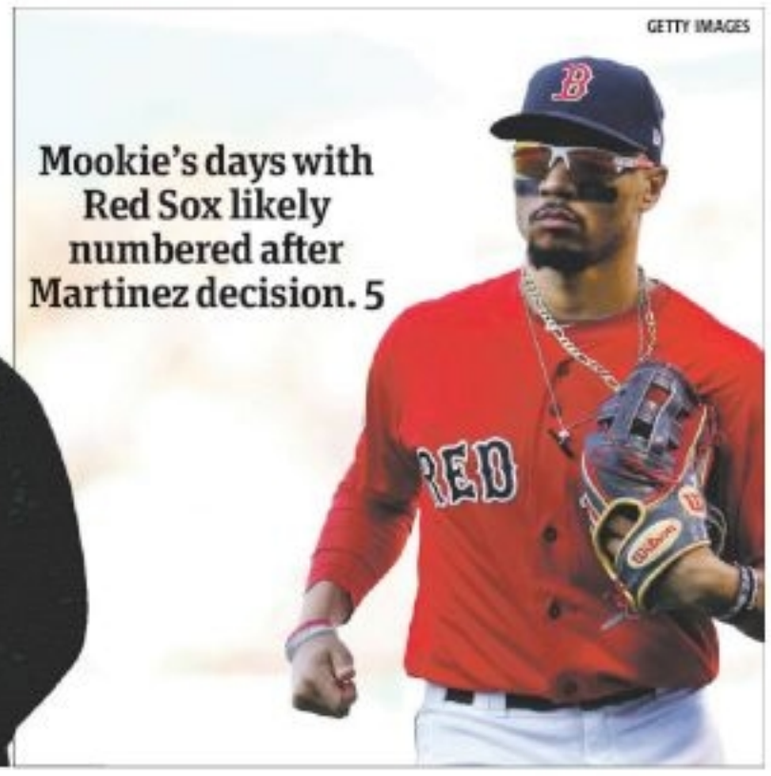
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Nine Americans, all women and children, were killed by gunmen believed to be part of a drug cartel in Mexico Tuesday. The LeBaron family members were part of a breakaway Mormon community that settled in northern Mexico. President Trump has vowed to cooperate with the Mexican government to 'wage WAR on the drug cartels.' 2

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Nine Americans die in Mexican massacre, Trump proposes 'war'

The LeBaron family had settled in northern Mexico.

Gunmen killed nine women and children in the bloodiest attack on Americans in Mexico for years, prompting U.S. President Donald Trump to offer to help the neighboring country wipe out drug cartels believed to be behind the ambush.

All nine people, Mexican-Americans killed in Monday's daytime attack at the border of Chihuahua and Sonora, belonged to the LeBaron family, members of a breakaway Mormon community that settled in northern Mexico's hills and plains decades ago.

Mexican Security Minister Alfonso Durazo said the nine, traveling in several SUVs, may have been victims of mistaken identity, given the high number of violent confrontations among warring drug gangs in the area.

"The convoy made up of suburban vans could have been confused with criminal groups that fight for control in the region," Durazo said at a news conference alongside Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

A video posted on social media showed the charred and smoking remains of a vehicle riddled with bullet holes that was apparently carrying the victims when the attack occurred.

"This is for the record," says a male voice speaking English in an American accent, off camera, choking up with emotion.

"Nita and four of my grandchildren are burnt and shot up."

Reuters could not independently verify the video.

A family relative, Julian LeBaron, called the incident a "massacre" and said some family members were burned alive.

In a text message to Reuters he wrote that four boys, two girls and three women were killed. Several children who fled the attack were lost for hours in the countryside before being found, he said.

He said it was unclear who carried out the attack.

"We don't know why, though they had received indirect threats. We don't know who did it," he told Reuters.

"My cousin was murdered with her children in the truck," said Alex LeBaron, another relative in one of the villages inhabited by the extended family. He said all the victims were U.S. citizens, and most also held dual citizenship with Mexico.

Under Trump, the United States and Mexico have often been at loggerheads over trade, the U.S. president's anti-immigration rhetoric and his plans to build a wall on their common border.

But Trump has praised Lopez Obrador, his Mexican counterpart who took office 11 months ago, for helping to reduce the flow of Central American migrants to the United States.

Trump tweeted that he would await a call from Lopez Obrador, urging him to accept U.S. assistance.

Lopez Obrador said he would call Trump on Tuesday about ways to cooperate on security but rejected what he called any foreign government intervention.

"I'll speak with President Trump to thank him for his support, and to see if in cooperation agreements there's the possibility of getting help," he told the news conference. "I don't think we need the intervention of a foreign government to deal with these cases," he added.

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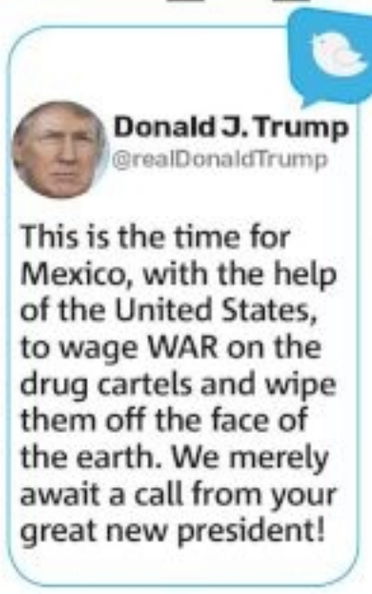

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This is the time for Mexico, with the help of the United States, to wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth. We merely await a call from your great new president!

Trump wrote on Twitter: "The great new President of Mexico has made this a big issue, but the cartels have become so large and powerful that you sometimes need an army to defeat an army!"

"This is the time for Mexico, with the help of the United States, to wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth," Trump added.

Mexico has used its military in a war on drug cartels since 2006 but despite the arrest or killing of leading traffickers the campaign has not succeeded in reducing drug violence. In fact, it has led to more killings as criminal groups fight among themselves.

The government has registered more than 250,000 homicides in the last dozen years, most of them related to the drug war.

Lopez Obrador has blasted the security strategy of previous Mexican governments, saying more than a decade of war against drug traffickers is officially over and he will seek alternative solutions.

"War is irrational. We believe in peace," said Lopez Obrador, a leftist who took office last December.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI already work very closely with Mexico to combat the cartels.

In 2010, two members of the Chihuahua Mormon community, including one from the LeBaron family, were killed in apparent revenge after security forces tracked drug gang members. The Mormons had suffered widespread kidnappings before that.

Northwestern Mexico has been home to small Mormon and Mormon-linked communities with family ties to the United States since the late 19th century. REUTERS

The burnt wreckage of a vehicle transporting a Mormon family living near the border with the U.S. is seen, after the family was caught in a crossfire between unknown gunmen from rival cartels in Bavispe, Sonora, Mexico. REUTERS

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Single? I'm self-partnered, says British actor Emma Watson

Actress responds to societal pressures on women over 30.

Actress Emma Watson at the 2018 Vanity Fair Oscar Party. REUTERS

Actor Emma Watson has given up calling herself single and now describes herself as "self-partnered" as she faces down societal pressure to marry and have a family, she said in an interview published on Tuesday.

The "Harry Potter" star told with British Vogue magazine she had battled anxiety as she approached age 30 without a stable career, partner or baby.

"I never believed the whole 'I'm happy single' spiel," she told the magazine, saying she had gradually changed her views.

"It took me a long time, but I'm very happy. I call it being self-partnered."

Women have long faced particular pressure to partner up and start a family, rights campaigners have argued, with older single women more likely to be seen as an object of pity while men tend to be perceived as free and enjoying bachelor life.

Watson, 29, said she had struggled with anxiety and stress as she approached her 30th birthday, eventually realizing it was because she was facing an "influx of subliminal messaging."

"If you have not built a home, if you do not have a husband, if you do not have a baby, and you are turning 30, and you're not in some incredibly secure, stable place in your career ... There's just this incredible amount of anxiety," she said.

Watson is a leading women's rights activist and a goodwill ambassador for U.N. Women, championing the HeFor-She campaign, which urges men to advocate for gender equality.

She has also spoken out about her own experiences of sexism, recalling suffering gender-based discrimination from age 8, and has said as she grew into adulthood she was sexualized by the media in a way that her male "Harry Potter" co-stars were not.

REUTERS

Facebook will widen access to encryption feature, test safety measures

REUTERS

Facebook will outline on Wednesday an expanded test of encryption on its Messenger platform, moving ahead with a controversial plan for enhanced security that regulators and government officials warn will aid criminals.

Executives told Reuters they will also detail safety measures, including stepped-up advisories for recipients of unwanted content.

The moves, which will be more fully described by company executives at a Lisbon tech conference, follow complaints by top law enforcement officials in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia that Facebook's intention to encrypt messaging on all its platforms would put child sex predators and pornographers beyond detection.

Facebook messaging privacy chief Jay Sullivan and other executives said the company, supported by civil rights groups and many technology experts, will continue to work toward the changeover, while more carefully scrutinizing the data that it does collect.

Sullivan plans to call attention to a little-publicized option for end-to-end encryption that already exists on Messenger, hoping that increased usage will give the company more data to craft additional safety measures before it makes private chats the default setting.

"This is a good test bed for us," Sullivan said. "It's part of the overarching direction." REUTERS

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"It's a love story about finding love within yourself"

Director Karen Bernstein and focus Brian Belovitch discuss the moving documentary "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me."

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"We just have to tell the story."

That's what director Karen Bernstein and editor-producer Nevie Owens decided to do after spending months trying to figure out how to tell the journey of Brian Belovitch.

"I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" follows the compelling story of Brian, who from 1974 until 1987 lived as Tish, a larger-than-life woman with a dream, and who's own life consisted of a gripping amount of highs and lows. Tish falls in love, gets married, gets divorced, moves to New York to become a nightlife celebutante, gets addicted to drugs and even resorts to prostitution. It's at the end of this harrowing period that Tish transitions back to Brian, and now Brian is in his sixties, sober, happily married, and excited to tell his story.

Karen and Brian met in the early '90s and on a car ride to Brian's driving test (at the time his license still read Tish), Karen first heard the journey of Tish and Brian. Since then, the seasoned documentary filmmaker had been waiting for the perfect vehicle to drive the story to the public's attention — that happened in 2014 with one email.

Tish's first marriage with her husband David did not end well, and ultimately Tish lost contact with his whole family after the break-up. However, years after transitioning back to Brian, David's sister Kim emailed Brian searching for Tish.

"The email left me in tears because it was so loving and so supportive and so opposite of my previous experience with the family," says Belovitch. "It was really moving for me. But that's kind of what started us down the path of the film, and that's what helped evolve the film to where it is today — which is this completely different story from where we started."

Brian also recently released his first memoir (a second is possibly in the works) following his journey, "Trans Figured." To Brian, both the book and the documentary helped him make peace with everything he has had to suffer through even at a young age. The documentary showcases the strength of Brian, but also the wounds that were born from ignorance, and not understanding someone who's different. There is so much that happened even further beyond the drug use and prostitution that shaped a dark cloud over Brian's life, but he learned to dance in the rain.

Karen Bernstein

"I've made a lot of peace over the years with my story. [Working on the documentary] was cathartic, and it also was very difficult in the same way that writing a memoir was difficult. You have to go to some places that you would really rather not re-visit — even with the physical places, we did a lot of walking around my old neighborhoods. With any kind of creative project, it can be challenging, but I was up for it," says Belovitch.

For Brian, whose life is so closely being observed by millions of readers and now viewers, he hopes the film is able to provide a sense of finding a way to love yourself — whoever you may be.

"I hope it's helpful to people who are struggling. When I was younger I never felt valid, and that lead me to some questionable decisions. People could really benefit from the story," says Belovitch. "The thing that I would love people to take away from it is to just not give up. Keep going and keep trying to find your sense of self, comfort and peace within yourself. In spite of all of the incredible obstacles and things I've had to overcome, I've somehow managed to get to the other side of those difficult experiences and also come to a deep sense of understanding for myself. It's a love story about finding love within yourself."

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Martinez puts Sox in a bind

J.D. Martinez (L) is not going to test free agency again this winter, potentially forcing a move of Mookie Betts (R).

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J.D. Martinez somewhat surprisingly did not opt out of his deal with Red Sox.

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Mookie Betts is as good as gone.

J.D. Martinez likely put an end to the Betts era in Boston this week when he decided not to opt out of his current deal that will play him $23.75 million in 2020.

New Red Sox boss Chaim Bloom is being tasked with getting the franchise below the $208 million luxury tax threshold, and Martinez's decision to stick around makes that increasingly difficult for Bloom.

Something's got to give, and the easiest way for Bloom to get to owner John Henry's ideal number is to trade off Betts (who will make around $27.7 million next year and/or Jackie Bradley Jr., who will make around $11 million in 2020).

Other ways Bloom could get creative is potentially trading off pitchers Chris Sale, David Price or Nathan Eovaldi – but the return would not be great for any of those injury-prone hurlers. Bloom would also likely have to package Andrew Benintendi or Xander Bogaerts in order to entice another team to bite.

The good news for the Red Sox with all of this, though, is that Martinez is still an excellent player – one that actually put up better numbers than Betts in most major categories this past season. Martinez drove in 105 runs compared to Betts' 80, and he belted a team-best 36 home runs (Betts totaled 29 dingers on the year).

Martinez also put up better numbers than Betts in the 2018 postseason run as he blasted three home runs and posted 14 RBIs with a .300 batting average. Betts had an underwhelming playoff run, homering just once with four RBIs and posting a .210 BA.

Sanu already giving the Patriots stability at WR

Mohamed Sanu has always thrived as a No. 2 receiving option, as he was the second man in Cincinnati behind A.J. Green and was Julio Jones' sidekick in Atlanta.

The Patriots, though, are thin at receiver and may ask a little more of the former Rutgers star.

Sanu and Julian Edelman both had productive games Sunday night against the Ravens as Sanu caught 10 balls for 81 yards and a touchdown while Edelman also caught 10, racking up 89 yards. With the Ravens doing a good job of limiting Tom Brady's security blanket out of the backfield in James White (two catches for 46 yards, three targets), the Patriots were forced to rely on the tag team of Sanu and Edelman.

Mohamed Sanu.

"[Sanu] did a great job just finding little spots in the zone," Brady told WEEI on Monday. "He catches the ball well and runs hard. I thought he did a great job for us."

The duo of Sanu and Edelman produced, though the Pats ultimately only scored 20 points. A good chunk of the blame can go on the New England running game, which was only able to muster 74 yards on 17 carries.

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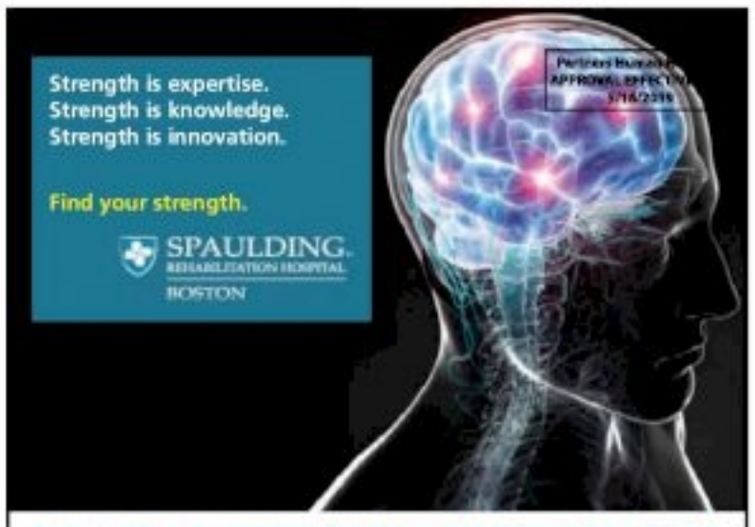

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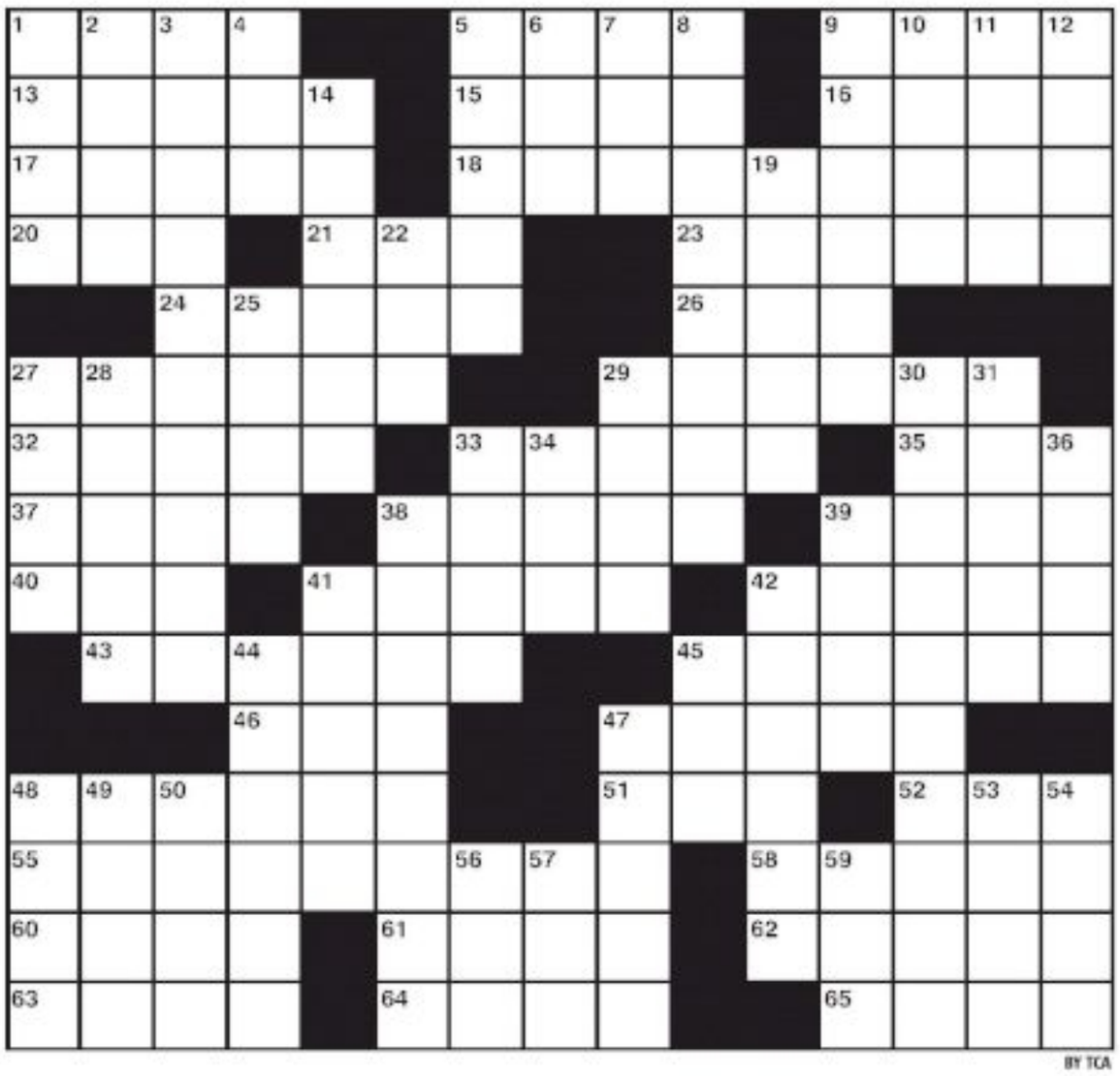

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♈ **Aries** Go with the flow and don't stop until you reach your destination. It's up to you to protect your name, ideas and critical relationships from unfair accusations.

♉ **Taurus** Go after your dreams. Size up situations, formulate ideas and do what has to be done. You can influence the outcome of a case if you take responsibility for your actions.

♊ **Gemini** Choose the easiest route. Dealing with matters that will improve relationships with people you care about will put your mind at ease. Romance is encouraged.

♋ **Cancer** If you share your thoughts, the feedback you receive will help you fine-tune whatever it is you want to do. Network and reach out to people who can help you get ahead.

♌ **Leo** A challenge will wake you up and push you to make a notable change. Play to win, embrace what life has to offer and use your skills to come out ahead.

♍ **Virgo** Join a group if it will help bring about a necessary change. Structure, data, and living up to your promises will help you gain support. Walk away from bad behavior.

♎ **Libra** Make plans with people who share your beliefs. Sticking to familiar territory will help you avoid emotional interference that could upset your plans. Physical fitness and updating your appearance are encouraged.

♏ **Scorpio** A change at home will improve your life and bring you closer to a loved one. Working as a team player will encourage positive options and smart choices.

♐ **Sagittarius** Confusion will set in if you believe everything you hear. Verify information before you pass it along, or you'll be the one to look bad. Do your due diligence and avoid regret.

♑ **Capricorn** Invest in a plan that has potential. Before you make a commitment, ensure that you can live up to what's expected of you. Abide by the rules and avoid setbacks.

♒ **Aquarius** Make good on your promises, regardless of what others do or say. It's essential to maintain transparency and integrity if you want to protect your reputation and position.

♓ **Pisces** Meetings should be handled with care. Don't send signals that are confusing or that imply one thing when you mean another. Take better care of your health. EUGENIA LAST

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